

## **NASA Advisory Council Finding**

### **Technology Investment**

<b>Name of Committee:</b>	Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee
<b>Chair of Committee:</b>	Dr. William Ballhaus
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<b>Short Title of Finding:</b>	Technology Investment

**Finding:** The Council finds that NASA’s major missions have been enabled by technology investment over a number of years. Previous experience with housing “seed corn” and crosscutting technologies in development mission directorates produced unfortunate results:

- Drastic reductions in those technology budgets.
- Alienation of university connections – the major source of human capital for NASA and its contractors.

The Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) was established to reverse these outcomes and has produced a robust technology portfolio with university and industry partnerships.